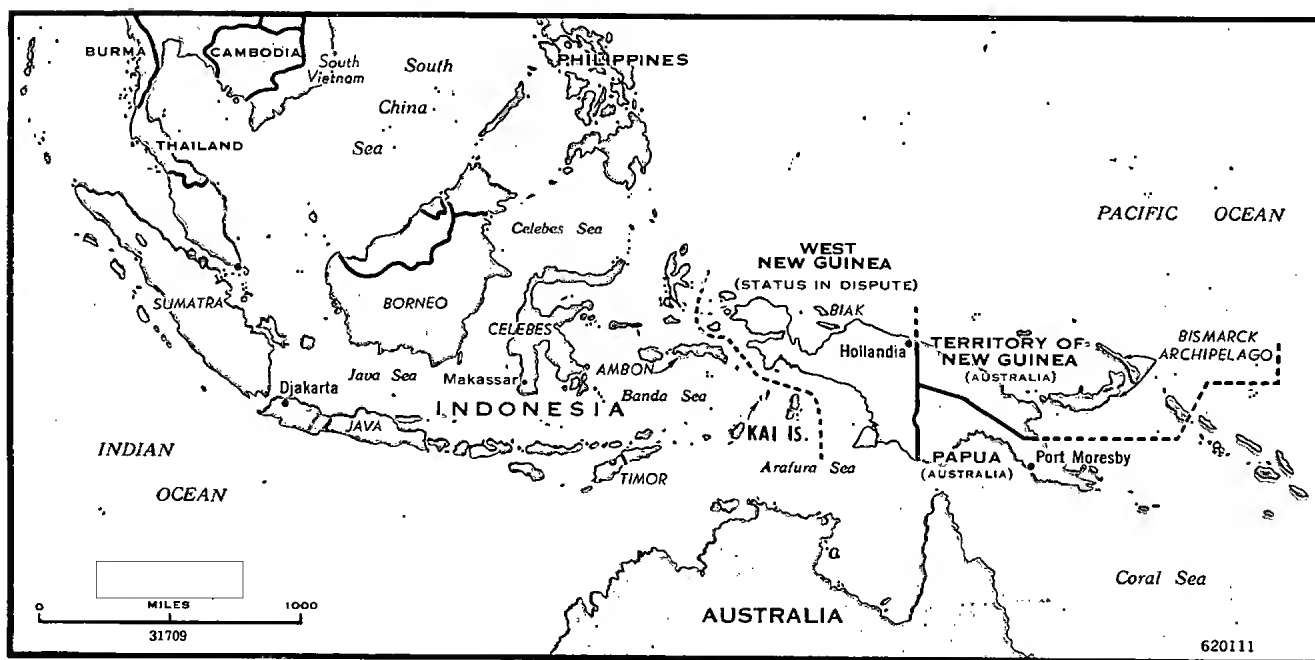


THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

11 JAN. 1962

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INDONESIA AND WEST NEW GUINEA



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1. India-Pakistan
maneuverings on
Kashmir

While neither side shows any sign of willingness to compromise, Nehru's talk with the Pakistani Minister of Education was not unfriendly. Chargé Timmons sees two positive points: Nehru's assurances of his peaceful intentions and his renewal of his invitation to talk.

2. Berlin

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The Soviets have made further deliveries of fighters to East Germany--20 on Monday and 17 on Tuesday, after a ten day pause in such deliveries, possibly caused by bad weather. Most of the 214-219 delivered during the past month still sit at the East German Air Force base at Drewitz. [REDACTED]

3. Congo

A. No major developments reported from Katanga [REDACTED]

B. Gizenga has refused to come to Leopoldville, as "ordered" by Parliament, and is holed up in his house in Stanleyville, protected by a small force of his own tribe. General Lundula, who commands Congolese army elements in the area, has apparently committed himself to Adoula, and has blocked Gizenga's efforts to join the troops in Northern Katanga. We are not yet sure that Lundula will be willing to arrest Gizenga and send him to Leopoldville, but the UN is pushing him in that direction.

C. Spaak has pressured the Union Miniere into sending a representative to Leopoldville in an effort to reach an economic understanding with Adoula. Spaak is being undercut, however, by overwhelming anti-UN sentiment in Belgium, extending into his own Socialist party.

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4. West New Guinea

A. We continue to note Indonesian military preparations, including orders for a ship carrying a 150-man force equipped with rubber boats to proceed to the Kai Islands, about 100 miles off the New Guinea coast.

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they have had a good deal of experience in running military operations on a shoestring, and we think they can infiltrate substantial forces ashore.

B. Under the bombardment of Indonesian pronouncements the Dutch public position seems to be hardening. Diplomatic exchanges continue, however.

C. Sukarno insists that our presentation of a helicopter to him be made at a full-dress ceremony tomorrow, playing it up as a "president-to-president" affair. Reaction in The Hague is to be expected.

5. Laos: Geneva meeting on

All three Princes and Phoumi have agreed to meet, and will probably assemble early next week. There is no indication of give in Phoumi's position, however, and he plans to have Boun Oum tell Souvanna that they no longer consider him premier-designate.

6. Saudi-Egyptian brick-throwing approaches diplomatic break

The Saudis have held off because of their dependence on Egyptian teachers, doctors, and technicians, for which they are urgently seeking replacements in other Moslem countries.

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7. Japanese losing interest in settlement with South Korea

In the longer range, their desire for stability in Korea is balanced by a suspicion that the US expects them to assume responsibility for support of that country.

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WATCH COMMITTEE CONCLUSIONS--10 JANUARY 1962

No Sino-Soviet bloc country intends deliberately to initiate direct military action in the immediate future.

Berlin: Communist military activity, as in recent weeks, does not suggest that the Communists expect to risk serious military confrontation over Berlin in the immediate future. The East German regime is preparing further measures designed to establish the East-West German zonal border as an international frontier, which could result in further harassments of contacts between West Germany and West Berlin.

Laos: Although restraints imposed by the major powers may serve as a brake during the renewed search for a political solution, localized military engagements will probably continue, and both sides in Laos are laying a propaganda basis which could serve to justify any renewal of major military operations.

South Vietnam: Viet Cong subversive and small-scale military activity continues at a high rate, despite counter-actions in various regions by government forces. The Viet Cong has the capability of conducting large-scale attacks on pre-selected targets in some areas of the country at any time.

Indonesia: President Sukarno will continue to threaten and plan military action against West New Guinea while pressing for a negotiated political solution. Meanwhile, Indonesia's present military capability will restrict operations to larger scale infiltration attempts which may result in isolated clashes with the Dutch.

NOTES

- A. A new series of bloc arms shipments to Cuba is underway, probably resulting from new agreements negotiated last summer. Although the Cubans have not so far received any naval equipment, a Soviet ship was sighted in mid-Atlantic on Sunday towing a small patrol vessel and carrying as many as four motor torpedo boats on deck. [REDACTED]
- B. As many as 1,000 Soviet skilled workers may have arrived in East Germany since late last month. They are being put to work mainly in the chemical and machine building industries, which have heavy export commitments to the USSR.
- C. Albania has made a number of approaches to non-bloc countries for the establishment of relations, including Greece, Austria, the Netherlands, and Burma.

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